

is the latter day Aaron company. The two groups, while still on the earth-plane, will work together to deliver God's people, using the 'rod' to demonstrate their divine power, and the 'rod' is the Word of God spoken with power and authority by those whom the Lord will commission and that Word will be confirmed by mighty signs and wonders. Though Aaron was the older of the two, Moses was the leader (Ex.4:16, 7:1). It is written that the Lord's two witnesses will have the power to do signs and wonders and to smite the earth with plagues (Rev.11:6). The truth of the Rev.11:3 two witnesses has more than one application and fulfillment, but in this context the two witnesses also are typified by Moses and Aaron in the day of Egypt, as the manifested sons and the glorious Church in the latter days. And they shall be empowered to cause plagues to come on the earth as a result of their ministry (Rev.11:6), just as Moses and Aaron did.

There were 10 plagues on Egypt to effect the release of the Israelites and each of these is a preview of a complete fulfillment in the end-time. Although there is a measure of chronological sequence in the end-time fulfilling of the 10 plagues, there is also much overlapping and even concurrent fulfillment in some of them. There are two perspectives in viewing their end-time fulfillment, the over-all end-time period and the short-term intense time of fulfillments.

From the perspective of the over-all time, the first 6 plagues have a measure of fulfillment already in progress, beginning with modern day blood-letting through revolution. From the perspective of the short-term intense fulfillment, the first 3 plagues begin with some intensity just prior to the Great Tribulation period. From both perspectives, all 10 plagues have their most intense fulfillment during the Great Tribulation, the last 4 occurring only during that $3\frac{1}{2}$ period and running somewhat concurrently though not completely so.

#1 Plague, Water (Ex.7:19-25). Moses and Aaron were given authority to turn the water of Egypt into blood. Water is a type of the human soul with its emotions and feelings and blood is the result of humans killing each other when emotions get beyond control. In this day human emotions (water) will be so aroused with passions and desires that much blood will be shed. The trouble will rise from several influences but in relation to the chosen servants, it will be in reaction against the authority of the rod, the power of God's Word spoken against the godless and licentious living that will abound among the multitudes. The Word preached in power in the days ahead will bring great division among the people, because so many are being taken captive by doctrines of demons and because the spirit of libertine conduct is spreading into all segments of society. Even the church world is losing its

moorings, believing less and less of the inspired Word and taking on more and more of the reasonings of man, based on pseudo-science. People generally will be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God (2Tim.3:1-4). Compromises of all kinds will be the order of the day and the 'water' of human emotions and desires will run rampant.

Suddenly in the midst of this moving away from truth and righteousness, a people will rise up to speak with the authority of their God, and they will wield a rod of truth which will startle and anger the multitudes. Many will hear and be converted, but most will react against those preaching a strict code of righteousness and will denounce them as the reactionaries. Then the Lord will move to bring judgment, for His Word cannot be thwarted. The Word spoken in that day by His servants will be a creative Word, for the very speaking of it shall bring it to pass. The multitudes who refuse to hear will receive the judgment of that spoken Word and the very speaking of that Word of judgment will inevitably turn the waters into blood. Those who refuse the truth confirmed by many signs will be turned over to the delusion of their perverted sense of knowledge, and they will become the victims of the instability of their rampant desire-natures, whipped to frenzy point by countless hosts of the nether world that are being released to try all men at this end-time.

Because of this Satanic control and influence, giving rise to the conflicting interests of people pursuing perverted desires at fever pitch, intense strife will develop over all major issues of the day. Instead of using the due processes of law and order, people generally will be moved to take matters in their own hands, applying means of intimidation and violence instead of reason. The 'water' of soulish desires and emotions will gain complete control of people and the resulting intense conflict and violence will bring on much bloodshed, the turning of water into blood. Conflicts will arise over race, religion, employment, wages, working conditions, social mores, wealth distribution, education, government, foreign policy, communism, socialism, medicine, health, the press, thought control, and many other issues. These will keep the general condition of society in such a tumultuous and fluid state that demonstrations, riots, boycotts, strikes, pressures, intimidations and other forms of emotional outbursts will be the order of the day, resulting in constant bloodletting. This will be the judgment of the rod, the Word of God, upon a people who have refused to hear the truth. Left to the instability of their demon-crazed ways, they become the victims of violence and blood.

The 'fish' in the water are a type of emotions and feelings. Only as man is regenerated can he gain dominion and control over his emotions and feelings. The

picture of the fish dying in the waters turned to blood indicates the control and influence of Satan over the people expressed emotions. The magicians do deal with the emotional outbursts in part and in measure by employing the enchantments of psychology, psychiatry, drugs, mental health, pacification, wonder drugs, shock treatments, social therapy and clinics. By these measures they are able to help maintain a measure of immunization against the effects of the plague (2Tim.3:8).

But the result of the 1st Plague was simply to harden the heart of Pharaoh. Pharaoh is a type of Satan, and it is shown here how chaos of the times will enable him to harden his control over people by increasing dictatorial powers placed in the hands of those who are working for absolute supremacy of the beast governments.

#2 Plague Frogs (Ex.8:1-15). When Pharaoh refused to let the people of Israel go free, Moses and Aaron were commanded to lift the rod over the same waters that had been turned to blood. Thus we are viewing the result of the same condition of emotional instability in those who have been turned over to the delusions of their sense-knowledge and obsessed with Satanic spirits. As a result, frogs came up out of the waters and covered the land of Egypt, entering the houses of all the people. This is a symbolic portrayal of the 2nd Plague of judgment which is to come upon the inhabitants of the earth in the end-time. Because of the instability of the times and the

susceptibility of the people to all kinds of emotional onslaughts, there shall come forth all kinds of 'isms', teachings, cults, pseudo-religious movements, quasi-front groups subtly promoting extremist positions and causes of all kinds, opportunists and quacks, subversives with their blatant propaganda, government protagonists in autocratic rule, science deifiers and atheistic and agnostic hucksters of all kinds of libertine thought and conduct. These are the 'frogs' with their croaking doctrines of demons (Rev.16:13-14), preying upon every segment of society, invading the houses and even bed-chambers and beds of rulers, people and servants.

Indicating what will take place in the end-time judgments, because of this plague, Pharaoh relents momentarily, giving permission to the people to go and sacrifice to their God (Ex.8:8). In the midst of all the croaking of frogs, a certain segment of people will begin to turn in earnest to their God, causing Satan to lose his grip of many. Then Pharaoh hardening his heart again indicates Satan's attempt to counter God's move by strengthening his hold on the majority of the people and also by instigating persecution against those who are turning to righteousness. The picture of the frogs dying out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields indicates there are 3 groups which will enter into the ways of truth, turning from the ways of deceit and godless living (Ex.8:13). The houses represent

the 100-fold Christians, the villages the 60-fold Christians and the open fields the 30-fold Christians (Mk.4:20, 28). The degree of their turning away from unrighteousness and error and the extent to which they enter into the truth and believing of Christ, will determine their grouping. From the open field of the 30-fold they can progress to the village of the 60-fold and finally into the house of the 100-fold. Each step brings a more intimate contact and association with the living Christ, to become His household (Eph.2:19). As in the 1st Plague, the 'magicians' do deal with the 'waters', in part and in measure, to help depress some of the multitudinous croaking of conflicting interest.

#3 Plague, Lice (Ex.8:16-19). Suddenly and without warning a 3rd Plague came upon Egypt. Aaron stretched forth his rod and struck the dust of the earth and out of the dust came lice, biting gnats or mosquitoes upon every man and every beast. In this end-time these are mysterious diseases and afflictions which will come upon the inhabitants of the earth because of their lawless and godless ways (Lk.21:11). Again it is the stretching forth of the rod, the preaching of the Word of truth, which is shunned and rejected that causes judgment to fall. Doctors will not be able to cope with the situation as unprecedented maladies attack both men and animals; this is the end-time fulfillment of the wise men of Egypt trying to bring forth

lice and being unable to do so. None of the serums developed in that time will be effective.

Many physicians will frankly admit the need for turning to God for an answer, even as the magicians of Egypt said, 'This is the finger of God' (Ex.8:19). During the two preceding Plagues the 'enchantments' were in some measure successful in dealing with the emotional violence that leads to bloodshed and in dealing with the many croakings of conflicting interest, but when the 3rd Plague strikes with increasing ferocity and multitudes of humans and animals are affected by diverse maladies, the wise men will soon learn that their methods of treatment are not getting results. Many will say 'only God can intervene and save much life from perishing.'

In the overall end-time perspective, these three Plagues (and the following three) have some measure of fulfillment already, but the short-term end-time fulfillment of the first three is yet to begin with intensity just prior to the Great Tribulation. In the short-term end-time application, the 4th Plague begins concurrently with the start of the Great Tribulation and with the taking up of the 144,000 firstfruits group (Rev.14:1).

#4 Plague, Gadflies (Ex.8:20-32). The 4th Plague has a particular importance, because the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were living, was separated in order that they might receive protection.

Likewise at the end of the Church Age, the Lord will protect from the effects of this Plague all those who put their complete trust in Him (Jer.17:7-8). This Plague did not come as a result of Aaron lifting up the rod, it came as an immediate providential judgment and as a sign to Pharaoh and the Egyptians of the supremacy of the living God (Ex.8:22-23). In this last day, the Lord will demonstrate His being-in-charge of the affairs of the earth and all mankind. The judgment will not come primarily as a result of peoples' refusal to hear the Word of truth, but it will come to vindicate the Name of Jesus Christ. The judgment will be part of His strategy to bring His people to their knees and to speed up the work of the Holy Spirit in a people of His choosing.

Just before the 4th Plague falls, there will be a two-fold dividing. First a 144,000 group of the most choice saints will be separated and suddenly removed from the physical realm into the spiritual or heavenly realm, their physical bodies being suddenly translated into glorified bodies. The removal of this 144,000 firstfruits group (Rev.14:1) will then trigger a further division. Those people remaining on earth who are truly the Lord's will immediately recognize the significance of what has taken place and without hesitation shall turn to the Lord with their whole heart to seek Him as never before. After a

short time of earnest petition, the Holy Spirit shall be poured out in a mighty deluge of power (Joel 2:28). These stunning spiritual developments will divide those who truly mean business with the Lord from those who are mere professors. Truly all-out Christians will be clearly demarcated from those who make a pretense with a form of godliness (2Tim.3:5). The separated land of Goshen thus becomes a type of those who have completely renounced Lucifer's kingdom (Egypt is a type of the world under the prince of darkness) and have been regenerated into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The separated all-out Christians will then have complete protection from the effects of all succeeding Plagues, for the 144,000 group of glorified saints in a supernatural ministry will be on constant duty with power to appear and speak words of guidance and give help.

Immediately after the 'dividing', the 4th Plague comes as it did on Egypt. The Plague is the aftermath of the judgmental division that has taken place by the power of the Spirit. The Plague cannot be separated from the 'dividing', for it is one judgment. Those all-out Christians who are in the symbolic land of Goshen are not affected by the aftermath because they will have entered into the reality and assurance of the Holy Spirit. They shall know where they stand and what the future holds for them, but the people who are still a part of Lucifer's

kingdom in the spirit of Egypt's land will be in a state of utter confusion. They will seek answers, but will have none. Yet they will still be too much in love with the world and the things of the world to turn from their unrighteous ways.

The gadflies of the 4th Plague in Egypt were terribly annoying, but not actually destructive. They entered the Egyptian's houses until they were full of them. In the end-time the house symbolizes an intimate relationship, and the gadflies are a type of torments, fears, uncertainties, resentments and inward disturbances in those people who will have become aware of the mighty 'division'. The torments are a direct result of the strategic removal of the firstfruits group, but people remain too willfully carnal to change their ways.

Though not wanting to abandon their worldly ways, large numbers will become increasingly interested and concerned about spiritual things, - fearing for their own safety and future. This is the picture of Pharaoh again seeming to relent (Ex.8:25) and giving permission to the Hebrews to sacrifice to their God. However, note that Pharaoh specified sacrifice in the land of Egypt rather than in the wilderness, picturing a compromise-Christianity which many will want. The acceptable sacrifice must include the 'Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world' (Rev.13:8), but the Egyptians in the land would not permit

the sacrifice of sheep, which is the abomination of the Egyptians in the Lord's view (Ex.8:26) because they worshipped these animals, as well as other gods. As Moses stood firm on this point, so also God's true servants in this day will not agree to any compromise form of Christianity which eliminates the necessity of the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ as God's Lamb. Because of their unpromising position, the true servants of God must take the 3 day journey into the wilderness (Ex.8:27). Again, the 3 days picture in a round number the $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of Great Tribulation which is coming upon the earth (Ezek.4:6). There will be much tribulation before, but the $3\frac{1}{2}$ years will be the most intense part. The 'wilderness' is a type of the testing through persecution which will be the lot of all who remain true to their God, unwilling to compromise with the 'Egyptians' of this world. Pharaoh again relents slightly saying 'sacrifice in the wilderness, but don't go very far' (Ex.8:28), picturing the continuing attempts to get Christians to compromise. Then Pharaoh hardened his heart again (Ex.8:32). After the initial shock of realization that the 144,000 group has been taken begins to subside and the torments and fears are somewhat allayed, the worldly will become more confirmed in their ways, a hardening of Pharaoh's heart.

#5 Plague, Animal Plague (Ex.9:1-7). This Plague, a

result of Pharaoh's refusal, is not directly on man but on his 'animals'. In the days of the Exodus, a man's land and his animals were the essence of his wealth and the loss of the livestock of Egypt was a crippling blow to that economy. Men were dependant upon animals, not only for food, but for most basic work needs and for commerce and transportation. This is symbolic of what shall come upon the nations in this end-time. The monetary wealth of all nations will largely be destroyed through the collapse of the Babylonian system of finance, which has a stranglehold on most nations. Its debt and interest practices will cause a continuing spiral in prices and wages. When wages have reached a level where further increases must be denied, inflation will continue to eat away buying power until it will take most of what the average person makes to provide the basic necessities of life. The eventual weight of debt and interest will become so great as to collapse the entire system. Money (which most people consider to be wealth today) will be practically worthless, savings and investments will mean nothing, control and rationing will be absolutely necessary, freedom to buy and sell will be almost wiped out and government control of everything will become mandatory for survival. People's lives will be regulated through tabulated work credits and assigned consumer allotments. Money will be replaced by a com-

puterized numbers system which will tabulate each family's work contribution (credits) and the assignment of goods and services needed and provided (debits). Credits will be granted, based on work contribution and family need. Distribution will be on the basis of 'need' and the need will be determined by statistical factors obtained from each family. Special requisition papers will be necessary for purchases other than daily needs. All business will be controlled by the government and any organization which refuses to comply with all the regulations will not be able to buy raw materials or sell its products (Rev.13:17). No business will be permitted to sell to customers as is now done. These extreme measures will be required because of the critical world situation, but the basic framework of a controlled society will be the result of years of previous planning and scheming by an intellectual caste which dominates the thinking of the higher echelons of government personnel.

The Plague was on the Egyptian animals or wealth, but not on the Israelites' (Ex.9:4-6). The true wealth of a 'born again' child of God is spiritual, he is rich in Christ (2Cor.8:9, Rev.2:9) and the failure of man and his systems cannot take away his treasures laid up in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21). The reality of God's presence and power among His people in this end-time will be so great that they will not be greatly affected by the wiping out of

accumulated monetary wealth. Their joy, affection and hope will be so centered on Jesus Christ, and His glory will be so great upon them, that they will take little interest in the strictly material things. Whatever temporary inconvenience they suffer will be more than made up by the exceeding great spiritual wealth which will be theirs at that time, for they will have begun to press into their full inheritance, those Kingdom blessings and powers prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

There is also a correlation between the destruction of the animals of Egypt and economic controls depriving man of exercise of his basic drives toward acquisition and gain. 'Animals' are a type of basic tendencies, habitual inclinations and drives in carnal human nature. 'Birds of the air' are a type of thoughts of the mind (a carnal mind is under Satan's rule - Lk.8:12, Jer.5:27). 'Fish of the sea' are a type of emotions and feelings, and 'Beasts' are a type of native talents, animalistic drives and carnal avarice (Gen.1:26-28). It is this inner world of human nature over which man has failed to gain dominion that is causing all the chaotic conditions among peoples and nations. The mania of those who are working for a controlled society is based upon the false notion that man can be reformed, if he is deprived of the opportunity to exercise and

give vent to mental, emotional and volitional tendencies which corrupt society. Since man will not control himself, he must be controlled in every way of life and must be gradually immunized to his former corrupt self. Therefore, there must be an all-powerful government by self-appointed guardians of the masses. Who is to control and immunize the guardians is problematical. Such is the bankrupt thinking of men who have turned from God to the delusions of their own ways.

Men's outer world can abound in goodness and peace only as man's inner world of thoughts, emotions and drives are completely subdued and channeled into the glory of his God. The problem is spiritual, not economic, not political, nor social. Only as man is regenerated within can he gain dominion over 'birds of the air, the fish of the sea and the beasts of the earth' within his own microcosm. This is man's first and primary task which was set before him at the very beginning. God's concern was not with man's gaining dominion over the outer world. Gen.1:26-28 was but an allegory to portray the inner world of man's being and the necessity of gaining dominion over every thought, emotion, desire, ability, propensity, and drive until all resources and forces within reflect the beauty and glory of God above. Gaining dominion over the outer world was secondary and is contingent upon gaining dominion over the inner, and

those who have gained a commendable measure of dominion over their inner being through applying the grace and power of their God will be given an inheritance and authority over the outer world of the earth and all its inhabitants, being commissioned to rule and reign with Christ. However, they cannot rule with Christ over the outer world until they have gained dominion over the inner realm of their own mind and heart.

#6 Plague, Boils (Ex.9:8-12).
After Pharaoh's heart was hardened again, refusing to let the people go, a 6th Plague became necessary. Moses was commanded to sprinkle ashes from the furnace into the air, in the presence of Pharaoh. Then open sores broke out on both man and beast. Satan (Pharaoh) is the prince of the powers of the air (Eph.2:2) and this Plague signifies the power of Satan to cause men to unleash destructive fire of nuclear energy which pollutes the air. The residue of the burning by fire (ashes) was sprinkled in the air, symbolically polluting it, and the resultant breaking out of open sores on man and beast pictures the affects of residual radiation emitted from the waste products of fiery nuclear explosions. By the time this Plague begins to fall, men will have begun the increasing use of tactical atomic weapons in mounting warfare (probably some even in brush-fire wars prior to the Great Tribulation). Use of these weapons will result in increasing pollution

of the air and in radiation damage to all living flesh, - all except those especially protected by the mighty power of their God. Those all-out Christians in the protected 'Land of Goshen' will not feel the 'burning power' of a radiation-contaminated atmosphere.

The effect of this Plague was to further harden the heart of Pharaoh. Even the frightening prospect of radio-active pollution will not turn the nations from the mad pursuit of their own ends and in time, the nations will be engaged in the final battle of the ages, symbolically named 'Armageddon' (Rev.16:14-16). The Plagues which follow will unfold very rapidly as the tempo of conflict increases. The magicians of Egypt could not stand before Moses, because they, too, were afflicted. So also, the 'wisemen' of the end-time will not be able to controvert the fact that there are those symbolized by Moses who are not being affected by the radiation Plague, having a built-in immunity. In that day the Moses-company will be the manifested sons who are no longer subject to death. All other Christians who place their complete trust in the Lord will also be protected, but they will not be naturally immune.

In the over-all end-time period, each of the foregoing six Plagues has some measure of fulfillment currently and prior to the Great Tribulation, although they continue into the Tribulation period with increas-

ing intensity. Therefore we should expect to see continued blood-letting, the results of emotional instability, outbreaks of unfamiliar maladies, fears and torments, national financial crises and the application of atomic weaponry whenever 'justified'. In the short-term end-time view the first three Plagues begin in intensity just prior to the Great Tribulation period and then build up in intensity. Then the #4 Plague begins at the outset of that period and #5 and #6 start up in some intensity soon thereafter. From both points of view, the final four Plagues are in effect only during the Great Tribulation period, running somewhat concurrently, although not completely so.

#7 Plague, Hail (Ex.9:13-35)
Moses declares to Pharaoh the rapidity with which events will now take place and the stepped up tempo of judgment, saying 'this time I will send all My Plagues' (Ex. 9:14). There followed a great storm bringing thunder, lightning and a very heavy and dreadful hail such as had not been seen since the founding of Egypt (Ex. 9:18, 23-24, Rev.8:7, 16:21). The storm is symbolic of the world-wide 'storm' of conflict which will be gathering momentum in the earth. Increased use of nuclear weapons will vaporize large amounts of water which will ascend to the cold upper atmosphere and be frozen into large hail. When too heavy to be supported by the strong winds, the hail will fall upon earth and cause much destruction, but those

in the land of 'Goshen' are shielded from the hail, for the Lord will protect those who put their full trust in Him (Ex.9:26). Even among the 'Egyptians' there is a measure of protection for those who heed the Word of the Lord (Ex.9:19-20) showing that as the end-time conflict intensifies more and more, people of the world will begin to listen to the Word being preached by chosen servants and will begin to look to the Lord for protection. He promises to faithfully keep them to the measure of their trust and obedience. At times His chosen servants will warn of severe destruction coming upon certain places and certain cities, and those that heed His Word and do what He tells them shall be preserved.

The storm was said to be more severe than any since Egypt was founded (Ex.9:18). Since Egypt is a type of the world, the statement becomes synonymous with the prophecy of Jesus, 'then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be' (Matt.24:21). Therefore, the period of Great Tribulation will have begun by the time this Plague begins to be fulfilled. Like a storm, it will begin gradually and increase in intensity as the tribulation period progresses. The destruction of the Plague on man, beast and vegetation (Ex.9:22) will not only be from the literal hail which will fall to cause much damage, but it also will be the loss of much life as a

result of the intensified conflict which the Plague typifies.

Because of the timing of the Plague 'the flax and the barley were smitten, for the barley was in ear and the flax in bloom, but the wheat and spelt (rie in some translations) were not smitten for they ripen late and were not grown up yet' (Ex.9:31-32). Here are indicated the progressive stages of the 'harvest' during the Great Tribulation period. Barley is the first grain to mature in the spring and is a type of the firstfruits of the Lord's harvest, those who enter more fully into His purposes and come to spiritual maturity before the rest. The flax just beginning to bloom indicates that these firstfruits will have the 'fruit of righteousness' (Phil. 1:11, Heb.12:11) fulfilled in them in preparation for the marriage supper of the Lamb, for linen if made from flax and fine linen is the righteousness of the saints (Rev.19:8). These 'barley' and 'flax' firstfruits are those who have begun to ripen before the Tribulation period begins, a group out of which a sheaf is taken (Lev.23:10) and glorified (described in the 4th Plague). The other 'barley' and 'flax' Christians are the remnant portion of the firstfruits (Lev.23:16, Rev.12:17) and these are pictured as being smitten because the advanced and mature Christians still on earth will take the brunt of the persecution which will be an integral part of the intensified conflict of the time. The wheat and spelt

(or rie) represent Christians who will not be so severely persecuted, because, as a whole, they will not be out in the front lines of the struggle. The 'storm of conflict' represented by this Plague will not only be political and military, but also it will be a spiritual and religious conflict which takes on increasing importance as the struggle intensifies. The final conflict of the ages is not just the result of predatory actions of certain nations. It is the consummation of the age-long struggle for the minds and allegiance of men, it is primarily ideological and spiritual.

The wheat and spelt represent Christians who have matured very little previous to the Great Tribulation and those who are converted during that period, for multitudes will turn to God in that day. Spelt is another type of wheat, but of inferior quality and very difficult to clean of its chaff. It becomes a type of the 30-fold Christians who will be preserved by God's almighty power through the Tribulation to continue to live on earth, but not within the confines of the Kingdom realm. The wheat represents those Christians in the 60-fold and 100-fold categories who will be fully gathered into the 'barn' of the Kingdom (Matt.13:27-30). They will mature under the harvest conditions of the Tribulation period and the degree of progress and the maturity realized will determine their category and allotment. The 100-fold 'wheat'

Christians who will mature in the 100-fold state, will be translated and glorified at the close of the Tribulation and gathered into the heavenly Kingdom. The 60-fold Christians will remain on earth to be gathered into the earthly Kingdom eventually entering into immortality in human flesh. Since the 'barley' Christians have reached a commendable measure of maturity or ripeness before the Tribulation begins, they will all be 100-fold and will all enter into the heavenly Kingdom, - a sheaf at the beginning of the Tribulation and the rest at the close of the Tribulation.

As a result of the 7th Plague, Pharaoh was moved to relent and asked Moses and Aaron to entreat the Lord for removal of the mighty thunderings and hail (Ex.9:27-28). But Moses was not deceived by the pretense (Ex. 9:30) and told Pharaoh that he and his subjects would not yet fear the Lord God, but would sin yet more, toughening a hard heart. So it will be for many of the world during the intense pressures of the Tribulation period. Because of the seriousness of the world situation and increasingly chaotic conditions in many places, many will turn with feigned heart to the Lord and will seek out His servants to ask prayer for themselves. But once pressures seem to lighten a little and there seems to be a way out of their predicament, they will sin yet more and harden their hearts. However, God's true servants will not be deceived by those who are

not truly repentant, the power of the Holy Spirit will be working so mightily among His people that the 'unclean and uncircumcised' will not go undetected, and they will not be permitted to enter and contaminate the assemblies of the saints (Isa.52:1-2). Those who are sincere will be welcomed and helped, but those whose motives are tainted with corrupt designs will be discerned and exposed. Pretenders will not be allowed to remain and sow their seeds of mischief, for the Lord will have a pure work and the seed of the enemy will not be permitted to take root before being quickly dealt with by the true shepherds.

During the earlier Plagues it is said Pharaoh hardened his heart or that his heart was hardened, but during the latter Plagues it is said that God hardened Pharaoh's heart (Ex.9:12, 10:1, 20, 27). In the day of evil's consummation, the Lord has promised to send a strong delusion upon those who persist in not loving the truth, that they should believe a lie (2Thess. 2:9-12). The Lord is justified in doing this because He is able to know the point at which an unrepentant sinner will under no foreseeable circumstances turn from his evil ways. God does this in order to more quickly bring about an impasse so that the catastrophic struggle which shall sweep away humanity's refuge of lies will not be prolonged (Matt.24:22). By causing those men to be more thoroughly deluded in ways they are

convinced they should follow, God is able to get them to more quickly set in motion those forces and actions which will precipitate the world into judgment. Also, His mighty deliverance is then more profoundly shown to men who do put their trust in Him, for those hardened to do evil must be more severely dealt with. Thus the conflagration and whirlwind of judgment becomes so great that none can survive, except those who are protected by God. The impact of such a world-wide reckoning with the sinful ways of man will long be remembered and told to succeeding generations, and will be a strong deterrent to any future deviation from the paths of righteousness (Ex.10:1-2).

#8 Plague, Locusts (Ex.10:3-20). The devastation under the 8th Plague added to that under the 7th Plague and was brought about by an invasion of locusts from the east (Ex.10:4, 13). Before the Plague came, Pharaoh was warned and, on the advice of his servants, became willing to relent and let just the men go, but Moses insisted that all go, including herds and flocks. Pharaoh then scoffingly refused (Ex.10:3-11). In the great day of battle which is coming, Satan will never cease trying to get the Christians to compromise in one way or another. Satanic-controlled forces in the dictatorial society of the beast empire will put every conceivable pressure upon Christians who refuse to conform and support the regime, but those who are determined to remain true to Jesus Christ shall gain the victory over the beast, over his image (likeness of his nature), over his mark and over the number of his name (Rev.15:2). In that day, God will protect and preserve them who place their complete trust in Him, and they shall be fully delivered out of the Egypt of this world and ushered into the Kingdom prepared.

Following Pharaoh's refusal, there came the greatest invasion of locusts ever experienced in Egypt (Ex.10:13-15). The whole land was darkened by them and the completely devastated every green thing. Locusts symbolically denote the invasion and destruction by armies (Joel 1:4-7, Rev.9:7). The east wind bringing the locusts indicates vast hordes from the east marching against the west. It is but a further phase of the great storms of conflict shown under the 7th Plague. The nations of the east under the banner of the hammer and sickle, will move to conquer all who stand in their way toward complete world domination. Many nations and areas of the world will be affected, but the most strategic area affecting the final phases of world conflict will be the Middle East. That area will be almost completely overrun and the onrushing tide will engulf much of Europe, but the die is not cast for lethal annihilation through east-west conflict until the Middle East and Palestine are inflamed in war. The 5th and 6th Trumpets also symbolically picture these marching

hordes from the east (Rev.9).

The outcome of this Plague was an earnest entreaty by Pharoah with confession of sin and request for forgiveness (Ex.10:16-17). Although Pharoah's heart was later hardened again, indicating Satan's continued hold on vast numbers of people, yet the symbolic entreaty is significant. It shows that many people of the world, especially in western nations, will earnestly seek divine help as they see the increasing threat of attack and invasion by armies of the east. In answer to this entreaty there will be a quickening of the Holy Spirit to further a revival which will be already sweeping through the world. Particularly in the west, where Christian influence and training have been more thoroughly ingrained in the mental fabric of the peoples, there will be a turning to the Lord as never before and this influence will begin to reach into the higher levels of leadership and government. Many will begin to break loose from the Satanic delusions that have held them and they will see that further compromise with the beast of communism means certain suicide. For the first time in years, a real desire and will to resist further communist advances will rise up in those western nations which have been strongholds of Protestant Christianity. By this time most Catholic countries will have been completely taken over by Communist forces and the Vatican hierarchy will have fled to the North American continent. An awakened Christendom

in the nations which still have a small measure of freedom will spur those in authority to action. Coupled with this will be revival awakening among Jewish people, as many of them will have turned from unbelief and accepted Jesus as their Messiah. Along with religious revival will be the concern of most Jews for the nation of Israel, for Palestine will be threatened with complete desecration by communist hordes.

It will then be fulfilled, according to the type, that the 'Lord turned a violent west wind which took away the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea' (Ex.10:19). The strong west wind is the might of the western nations rising to strike down the communist forces, possible only because of the Lord's wisdom and strategy which will be given to those in authority by His specially chosen servants of that day. Were it not for the 'arm of the Lord' rising to help those who will have cried out to their God, there would be no hope of turning the tide of communist conquest. It is the Lord Who shall battle for His people in that day. The armies of 'Gog' shall be utterly confounded (Ezek.38 and 39) and they shall be driven into a 'Red Sea' of destruction. Truly the Lord shall be exalted in that day and all shall know that His mighty arm has worked deliverance for those who look to Him. The turning back of the 'red' hordes will be accompanied by the beginnings of a

short nuclear holocaust as the Satan-controlled leaders of the Kremlin try desperately to ward off certain defeat. Seeing their plans for world domination frustrated, they will make one last effort to destroy the western nations by unleashing their nuclear weapon arsenal. This will be met by the mounting of the atomic armada of the west. There will be much destruction on both sides, but in the Lord's providence He will see that the Satan-inspired conspiracy of communism is completely crushed. The battle will begin shortly after the half-way mark in the $3\frac{1}{2}$ years described in Rev.11, 12 and 13, and it will continue throughout a period of almost 21 months, even to the end of the Age. The earth will be covered with her slain in that day.

#9 Plague, Darkness (Ex.10:21-29). As Pharaoh's heart was hardened again, Moses was commanded to stretch out his hand toward heaven that there might be a darkness over the land of Egypt which might be felt (Ex.10:21-22), and the intense darkness was to last 3 days. All of the Plagues continue into and during the Great Tribulation period, but the 7th and 8th Plagues are effective only during the Tribulation period and primarily the last-half of that period. It was not feasible to show much of the detail of fulfillment in the type, therefore, the Lord is now showing by revelation how the Plagues dovetail together in their end-time application. The 9th Plague also falls during the entire Great

Tribulation. In type, it is placed at this point in the sequence, because of the intensity of darkness which will characterize the latter part of the tribulation period. The 3 days of darkness symbolize the approximate 3 years of Great Tribulation for in this the Lord appoints one day for a year (Ezek.4:6). The Tribulation period will actually take place within a period of $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, but in typical drama of Scripture the round number usage prevails when portraying time patterns.

The Egyptians could not see one another, nor did they rise out of their place for 3 days, but the Israelites had light in their dwellings (Ex.10:22-23). This light was a supernatural light provided for the Israelites only, it being a manifestation of the 'shekinah' glory of God. Likewise in the days of Great Tribulation, the 'Light' will be the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit for those who are indwelt by His power and glory and also it will be the supernatural appearance of the glorified saints to give instruction and help. The Lord will not leave His own to grope in the darkness of fear and uncertainty as the people of the world will do (I Thess.5:1-9). He will guide and protect, even during the days of extreme crises when the world will be plunged into almost complete chaos. The world (Egypt) will be filled with terror, its people not knowing what to do or where to go (Isa. 13:4-8), and for those not 'awake'

it will be a time of gross and intense darkness such as the world has never seen. Many shall perish for lack of direction. People will be afraid to venture out and will cower in their houses like frightened animals during the final phase of the east-west conflict. The Lord will send a spirit of delusion upon them because they do now and continue then to refuse the light and truth (2Thess.2:9-12).

As a result of the Plague, Pharaoh offered to let the people go if they would leave their flocks behind. Moses refused because he knew God must be served with the entirety of one's being, not with reservation or half-heartedly. Moses indicated there was a need for sacrifices and burnt offerings of the 'flesh' to God (Ex.10:25). 'Animals' are a type of human nature's basic propensities, abilities and drives and all of that nature must be submitted on the altar to the 'fire' of the Lord's purging, that they might be sublimated and transformed and channeled toward His glory. The primary Old Testament sacrifice was the 'whole burnt offering', the whole animal burned upon the altar, typifying the dedication to do God's will with the entirety of one's being. The perfect fulfillment was when Jesus Christ gave Himself in life and in death to do the Father's will (Heb.10:5-7) and through Him it is fulfilled in all others who give themselves as a living sacrifice to their God (Ro.12:1-2). But nothing is to be held back from

the Altar (Ex.10:26). The hoof is symbolic of the lowest or basest of human traits and not one can be left out of the sacrifice in Egypt's land; there can be no concourse with or conformity to that which is in the world. Those who would be used mightily in the Tribulation days which are coming must all be on the Altar as a whole burnt offering. For those who want to be received into the heavenly Kingdom of Christ, there can be no holding back, not even a hoof. There must be no provision for one's own fleshly ways, but those must make provision for the life of the Spirit, giving themselves wholly to the Lord so they may be a trumpet to warn of the coming day of battle (Ro.13:14).

Pharaoh's heart was hardened again, he refused to let the people go, and he even refused to see Moses any more. Moses, sensing that deliverance was close, agreed not to see him again (Ex.10:28-29), and the final Plague was at hand. The Israelites had been slaves to Egypt and had not received all that was due them and now they were to be delivered from bondage with much riches (Ex.11:1-3). They were specifically instructed to take whatever was offered them for their departure, but especially they were to ask for and receive jewels of silver and jewels of gold (Ex.11:2). The accumulation of these treasures for their departure is significant, because it is descriptive of what must be in the possession of every saint who is to be translated out of

this world to enter the heavenly Kingdom. The foremost of these is gold. Gold is a type of the impartations and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is also the tried and proven character that has come through the 'fires' of refining experience as pure gold. Silver is a type of the soul and soul qualities, and it is also a type of the redemptive work of Christ. Through the redemptive power of His cleansing and life, the soul is redeemed and made new, its fabric woven with the very righteousness of Jesus Christ. They were to take all of the gifts that were offered, and so are we.

The subject here is not just initial salvation, saving or preservation of the soul from death, for that is received through the shed blood and resurrection life of Jesus Christ. For those who go on to perfection (Heb.6:1-3), receiving the gold of His Spiritual workings and the silver of His complete redemption, there is to be an out-resurrection from among the dead (Phil.3:10-15), or a trans-lation while living (ICor.15:51-54) into the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. The saved, the 60-fold who fail to make this calling and election (2Pet. 1:9-10) will continue to live on earth, eventually receiving deathless life for their physical bodies, and those 60-fold having already died will be resurrected back to the earth in deathless physical bodies at a time after the millennial Kingdom has been fully established, beyond the

initial 1000 years of the next Age (Rev.20:1-5).

Now is the time to let the Holy Spirit do a perfecting work within, so you may be adorned with His gold and His silver and be fully ready to be received into the glory awaiting. The 'Day of the Lord' is at hand, and He is coming to His people as the rising morning sun. Only those who are awake when the dawn begins to break are able to see the light, for though the light is dawning, others yet asleep are still in darkness. He is calling to wake up (Eph.5:14-17, 2Pet.1:19). As the Lord called the Israelites to prepare for the darkness, He now calls for preparation in this hour, for this is the day of preparation.

#10 Plague, Death of First-born (Ex.11:4-10, 12:1-41). In preparation for this final Plague so they would receive protection, the Israelites were to take a lamb for each household and set it apart on the 10th day of the month. On the 14th day of the month, in the evening, they were to kill the lamb and sprinkle blood on the two side-posts and on the lintel above the doorway. (The need for the sacrifice of the Lamb of God was at the fall of Adam, and the sacrifice was 4000 years later). Each family was to eat its lamb in haste, fully prepared for departure and journey (Ex.12:1-13). The blood of the lamb upon their house was their protection during this final Plague in which the firstborn of man and beast in all Egypt were taken away.

The 10th Plague was the consummating judgment and constituted the final wrath of the Almighty on Egypt and her gods (Ex.12:12).

This final judgment on Egypt previews the fulfillment of these things at the completion of the Age which is drawing close. The Lord will bring an end to what is now called civilization, for it is almost completely contrary to His will, being based on the worship of many gods that are constantly placed ahead of or before Him. Even millions of Christians (symbolized in much of Scripture by 'Jerusalem') are preoccupied with the 'gods' of material things and pursuits of pleasure and have little time for serious consideration of God's Word and His ways. They are caught up in the Babylonish systems which are destructive to real faith and dedication, and they lean constantly on the 'arm of flesh' rather than leaning on Jesus Christ (Jer.17:3-5). They have hewn for themselves cisterns which can hold no water and they have forsaken the fountains of living water (Jer.2:11-13). They rely on empty forms and dead works to try to accomplish the Lord's purposes. In the religious world it is either idolatrous organizations which hold Christians captive, or idolatrous unbelief clothed in sophistry and worldly wisdom which leads God's people astray. In the political world it is the selfish, grasping opportunists who dominate the affairs of most

nations, leading them into paths of eventual tyranny. In the commercial world it is traffic in everything, including the souls of men with very little consideration for the ultimate welfare of human lives (Rev.18:9-13). Judgment has already begun to descend and it will not let up until a mighty cry in the night has risen, even as in the land of Egypt (Ex.12:29-30).

The death angel which went over the land of Egypt, slaying the firstborn in every family where the blood was not applied, is a type of the power of destruction which will be unleashed in nuclear warfare, both in its deadly radiation and in the immense force from the massive detonations. There are two signs given in Scripture which are of utmost importance. When they came to pass every Christian should have been alerted to the imminence of end-time events. The first was the explosion of the atom bomb (1945), for in releasing the atom's energy, the very powers of the heavens are shaken and disrupted (Lk.21:26). Man found out how to interrupt normal functioning of God's laws and how to confuse them into the destructive force of atomic fission and fusion. The second was the Jews declaring themselves a reborn nation (1948), for this was the shooting forth of the fig tree (Lk.21:28-30). It is written that when you see these things come to pass (begin), know that the Kingdom of God is at hand, for this generation shall not pass away until all is

fulfilled (Lk.21:31-32). However, Christians are woefully uninformed and almost totally asleep and unaware of the significance of the time in which they live. A few here and there are beginning to awake and they are beginning to sound the midnight cry which shall rouse the sleeping virgins (Matt.25:6). It was 430 years from Abraham to the time when the Lord started to move His people out of Egypt's bondage. It also has been 430 years from the time Martin Luther became effective in the Reformation to the time our Lord began to do the new things of this end-time.

The pass-over of the atomic 'death angel' will affect all except those who have the blood of the passover lamb sprinkled on the doorposts of their hearts. It will be true again, as it was then, that when He sees the blood, He will pass over them and the Plague will not be upon them to destroy them when He smites the whole land of 'Egypt' (the world) (Ex.12:13). It is the blood of Jesus Christ, applied by faith to the sin-stained (rebellious) soul, that washes it clean and preserves it from death (I John 1:7-9). This is the present soul-preservation enjoyed by Christians (Eph.1:7, IPet.1:18-19, Rev.5:9), but it is that same blood that shall serve also as a protecting shelter for even the physical body during the coming day of wrath for those who do not leave the shelter.

The lintel was the upper doorway structure and stands for

the physical which will receive protection. The two side posts stand for the soul which receives both cleansing and preservation through the shed blood of Christ. Spirit is not soul and soul is not spirit; they are separate and distinct in man's being (I Thess. 5:23). Both soul and body are subject to death because of sin-rebellion, but this is not so of man's spirit, for that is of the very substance of God Who is the Father of spirits (Heb.12:9, Num. 16:22). The spirit within each human has been alienated from God because of sin and needs to be reconciled, but, once the spirit is reconciled through Jesus Christ, then its garments of soul-body and physical-body need to be saved or preserved from death. When a spirit begotten of the Father is placed within the unborn embryo (Ecc.11:5, Zech.12:1) and brings it to life (Jas.2:26, John 6:63, Gen.2:7), its innate powers take of the living substance within the developing organism and form a finely tenuous vehicle called the soul. The soul then becomes a garment of the spirit, a means or medium of expression through the physical. The soul becomes the seat or essence of 'personality', the mental-emotional-volitional nature. Since the soul partakes of and is sustained by the life forces of the physical, it is subject to death as is the physical body (Ezek.18:20-21). Thus both body and soul need to be saved or preserved (I Thess.5:23).

A doorway represents an entrance into something, but it

is also an exit. The lintel of the doorway represents the outer or physical garment of the spirit and the two side posts represent the inner or soul garment. A spirit makes its entrance into the physical world through the doorway of embodiment within the human embryo which is enlivened by it and later born into the world. A spirit makes an exit from the physical world through the doorway of death, losing the physical and mortal garment. A spirit needs garments or vehicles for its growth in understanding and for its continued progress in the plan and purpose of God (Matt.12:43, 2Cor.5:1-4), thus the death of either physical body or soul is a tragic loss for the spirit. In type, the blood of the lamb sprinkled upon both the lintel and the side posts is that blood later shed by Jesus Christ which would provide an atonement and release from death for both soul and physical body.

Cleansing and release from death for the soul come through applying the blood of Christ in faith (IPet.1:2, 18, IPet.1:19), but the impartation (possession) of eternal life is through the engrafted seed of the living Christ (Jas.1:21, IPet.1:23, John 5:24). When a soul is thus 'generated anew' through the incorruptible seed, it becomes a deathless vehicle for the human spirit. In the event of death of the physical body, the soul then becomes the functioning vehicle for the spirit in the super-

terrestrial realms. But if the soul has not been saved, its life forces gradually abate and it slowly disintegrates, eventually perishing (Heb.10:38-39). The spirit, without 'garments' and naked, then ascends and returns to God Who gave it (Ecc. 12:7), for His disposition. In the coming days when the full force of the judgmental Plagues descends upon the earth, only the applied blood will avail for protection and deliverance.

This final Plague, the atomic 'death angel' which shall pass over the earth, has a measure of fulfillment during the portion of the Great Tribulation just prior to the Harvest uptaking, but its more complete fulfillment will be during the final days of wrath when all-out atomic war will destroy multitudes. It corresponds in the prophetic picture to the 7 Bowls of Wrath (Rev.16). Although in the type, the Israelites were not fully liberated until the 10th Plague was set in motion, there is here a veiled mystery which needs unveiling. It was at midnight that the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt and there was a great cry in Egypt (Ex.12:29-30). This corresponds to the midnight hour and the shout heard by the wise and foolish virgins (Matt.25:6). The Lord smites the earth in different ways, and the final smiting will be by atomic holocaust, but the beginning of the smiting will be His strange work of shaking the church world with the calling out of the wise virgins at the

midnight hour. There is a veiled double meaning to the smiting of the firstborn. In a spiritual sense, the firstborn are those who will enter first into the heavenly Kingdom as a firstfruits to God (Rev.14:1-5). These are the wise virgins who will be received by the Bridegroom at the beginning of the Great Tribulation. In this way the careless church world will be smitten as by a thief who breaks into the household (Lk.12:39-40) to take away the jewels (Mal.3:16-17), and a great cry will go up from the nominal church world as the shock of what has happened begins to fully register. The beginning of deliverance of those who are fully the Lord's from the 'Egypt' of this world takes place at the start of the Great Tribulation. The foolish virgins and also the Tribulation saints will be taken at the close of the 3½ years of Tribulation, just as the 7 Bowls of Wrath are ready to be poured out. Therefore, there is a time-pattern which is somewhat veiled in the type. Pharaoh's willingness to let the people go shows that Satan's power will begin to be broken when the firstfruits are glorified. This is also shown by the disclosure that when the 'man-child' is caught up to God and to His Throne, Satan is cast out of his heaven and onto the earth (Rev.12:9). Because he knows his time is short, he comes down with great wrath and causes great havoc before his power is completely broken. The havoc is

pictured by the Plagues that came upon Egypt when Pharaoh repeatedly hardened his heart (the great wrath of Rev.12:12); yet at the same time that he is 'hardening' his heart, his power is being gradually broken.

Ex.14: Pharaoh's heart was hardened once more to pursue the fleeing Israelites as they left Egypt, in one last effort to re-establish his former power, and so at the close of the Tribulation Satan will cause the leaders of the Kremlin to launch their all-out nuclear attack on the west. Since men on earth cannot pursue those who will have been glorified and taken into the heavenlies, the object of Satan's wrath through his human puppets will be the western Christian nations which will have been instrumental in turning back the communist's bid for world domination. The term 'Israelites' (Ex.14:2) has a two-fold meaning in its last-day spiritual application. First they are the saints who are taken and fully delivered from the 'Egypt' of this world. These will cross over the 'Red Sea' of destruction into the heavenly realm and Kingdom at the very close of the Tribulation and will be completely out of reach of Satan's final onslaught. Second, they are those Christian nations of the west which will largely turn to the Lord during the Tribulation, receiving deliverance through the blood covenant, but which will be the objects of Satan's final 'pursuit' of terror. As with the Israelites at the Red

Sea, only a miraculous and providential turn of events will enable the nations of the west to escape without being totally annihilated. At the crucial moment, the 'Red Sea' of communist atomic attack will be thwarted and the Satan-inspired hosts of the communist world will be buried in the very nuclear holocaust which they have begun (Ps.94:22-23). This does not mean that the western nations will escape all destruction - far from it. Yet, in comparison to what would have happened had not the Almighty intervened, the turning back will be regarded as a great deliverance. The deliverance of the Israelites and the destruction of the Egyptians at the Red Sea is the amplification and extension of the 10th Plague. It is one of the prophetic pictures of the final wrath of God, implemented through men, on all who are to be swept away as so much 'refuse' in preparation for the new millennial Kingdom on earth. In that hour only God's power will be able to deliver (Ex.14:13-14). In that day He will separate those who put their trust in Him, and the Angel of His Presence will stand between them and those who are to be destroyed (Ex.14:19-20). He shall be a protecting covering over the blood-redeemed, but He shall be as the darkness of chaos and doom to those who do not submit to His righteousness. The flood-tide of battle shall overwhelm them and they shall perish from the earth (Isa.13:9).

Ex.15:1-19: After the crossing of the Red Sea and the deliverance from the Egyptians, the Israelites sang a song to the Lord. In the end-time, after deliverance from the Great Tribulation, the redeemed and glorified saints also sing the Song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God Almighty, just and true are your ways, O King of Saints (Rev.15:3). Many shall see His great and marvelous works in this last day, and His power will be among those who are fully His, and His power shall be mighty in the overthrow of the forces of wickedness. But more important than this is that the inhabitants of the earth will begin to learn His ways, which are true and just. And in time, the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of His glory, and the saints in glory shall reign in righteousness over a cleansed and fully redeemed earth.

Our God is speaking a message to all men - a message of comfort and encouragement to those whose hearts are open to Him, and a message of warning to those who are careless and at ease in the Kingdom. He speaks to His own, not to the world, for the world slumbers on, as is to be expected. They of the world shall not be awakened, except by the thunder-like peals of exploding bombs and clashing arms, but God is speaking to His own so that those who are asleep might be awakened and those who are awake might prepare their hearts for that which is shortly coming.

Even as you read these words, God is moving to do a peculiar work among His people, so those with open hearts may now receive this quickening afresh from God, which is the resurrection life of the Son of God. This moving is a fresh impetus to what He is already doing, and it is among those saints who are open to it that He will do a further work of preparation. The preparation is for a great outpouring, a glorious anointing, that is coming. Therefore, it is important right now to move with the Spirit in His work of preparation.

The hour is late, for even now the thunder clouds of tribulation hang heavy over the earth. Three times the Lord will bring terror to our own nation. First, out of the east will rise a Plague, a dread scourge which will cause great sorrow and woe. It shall bring peril upon this nation and will bring great havoc to the earth, but the end is not yet. Then after this will come a peril from the south, where there are rumblings of discontent. A mighty earthquake is now in the making in the nations south of the border, an earthquake that will completely disrupt the social, political and religious fabric of those nations in the south. In mighty terror and anguish they will rise up under the banner of the sickle to scourge our land with consternation and fear, for out of the south will come the terror of revolution as nations rise up to overthrow the yokes that have bound them. Not knowing the

truth, nor the way to go, in ignorance they will acclaim a leadership which will lead them astray, and they will use weapons of destruction to gnash at those they believe to have been their tormentors. Great will be the cry of anguish from peoples of our nation as they behold the consternation and fear that comes from the south, and yet Christians seem to want to slumber on. Must our God awaken them with thunderpeals and mighty earthquakes? Must He treat them as He treats the world? Can He not expect more of Christians than slumber and ease at this time in human history? Surely the time is at hand for a greater number of believers to awaken to what God is doing in the earth.

In preparation for the 3rd and last time of terrible consternation, there comes real hope from the west coast of our land where the Lord will begin a great movement to bring revival to His people. From this west coast He will spread the revival until it covers the land to bring rest and hope and comfort.

The time of the 3rd peril will be a time of exceeding darkness and fear and destruction, for great destruction will come from the north (the all-out nuclear war from the Kremlin). Many shall perish in that day as the enemy comes in like a flood. It will be a quick work and a time swiftly covered, for truly none would escape if God's grace had not decreed a time of shortening (Matt. 24:22). The people have become lamentably

wicked and the Lord's sword of judgment shall come to purge and cleanse and sweep clean this land so He may begin to build and plant and bring forth a people who will honor Him, and who will become the nucleus of a world confederacy of His people which shall be the peoples and nations of righteousness for all the world to see in the Millennium. For truly righteousness shall spring forth as out of dry ground (Ps. 107:35, Isa. 41:18, 35:1), and the budding and blossoming of that which comes from a rod will the Lord plant in truth and holiness (Num. 17:8). His chosen ones are to go out in this day to be a rod in His hand, a rod of truth and divine appointment to spring forth by His miraculous power and grace, to warn His people and to bring out a remnant to fruition in righteousness and holiness. The truth is to be taken across the land so that, when the revival begins, a people will be prepared to receive and to rise up as a mighty army in this last day to declare the soon coming of Jesus Christ and make a people ready for His appearing.

The Kingdom comes not with observation (Lk. 17:20), and Christians are to wake up to discern things not seen by the world, but which come only to those who are open and yielded to the moving of the Spirit. They are not just to hear the thunder peals and the earthquake rumblings from the east and from the south, but they are to hear the still small

voice of God's Spirit speaking in this hour. Yet a little while the troubles of the east and the south will be stayed, but now is the time for His people to move into a fresh anointing of the Spirit and God will cause them to speak forth His Word as never before.

Consider what God is doing, for it is His strange work (Isa. 28:16-21), a work which few understand. He sent Elijah into the depths of the desert to wait upon God and His hand overshadowed him and led him to Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God, delivering him from the hand of Jezebel (I Kings 19:7-8). This was the same mountain to which Moses was led as he brought the people out of Egypt, and God is preparing to bring a people out from the enemy into His Kingdom (His mountain) in this hour. Consider, for as Elijah waited at the mountain of God, he saw the results of a mighty wind which rent the mountain and caused the heavens to grow black and heard ominous peals of thunder. The east wind often brought with it storm and plague in Scripture (Ex. 10:13, Ps. 48:7, Jer. 18:17, Ezek. 19:12) and the wind Elijah experienced represents that scourge rising out of the east.

Elijah then experienced the rumbling of a mighty earthquake and Scripture elsewhere warns about the mighty earthquakes which are coming (Isa. 29:6, Lk. 21:11, Rev. 6:12, 11:13), rumblings of which are now beginning in the nations of the south.

Elijah also observed fire that encompassed the mountain and so shall the fire power of the atom's unleashed fury spew forth and encompass this earth (Isa.29:6, 30:30, Joel 2:30, Rev.13:13, 16:8-9). Even as God warns of the wind and storm clouds from the east and the rumblings of the earthquake from the south, so He also warns of the coming of destructive fire from the north.

After the wind, the earthquake and the fire, Elijah heard a still small voice, the voice of His God (1 Kings 19:12). This pictures the Kingdom's coming, but not by observation. Only those who are attuned to His Spirit and are open to hear His still small voice, will be able to see that Kingdom which is even now within believers and surrounding them at every hand.

But there is also His work from the west. By means of the Shekinah Glory, God dwelt within the cubicle of the Holy of Holies in the western most part of the Tabernacle. Perceive the pattern laid down in God's Word. When Aaron and his sons were consecrated to serve Him in the priestly office, they were told to wait before God at the door of the Tabernacle for 7 days. On the 8th day certain sacrifices were placed on the altar in the outer court near the eastern gate (Lev.8:33-9:2). Then, when all was in readiness, fire came from God's presence in the Holy of Holies to consume the sacrifices on the altar (Lev.9:22-24), and that fire came from the west

in the Holy of Holies over to the altar in the east. God conforms all things to His basic patterns, and He will soon move by His Spirit in a way the world has never seen. This moving is like the fire from the Holy of Holies and it is not a fire of destruction, but a fire of His Spirit to fall upon those who have placed themselves upon the altar as a living sacrifice. As the fire came out of the west, so will the Holy Spirit move from the west coast of our nation until the fire of God's anointing has encompassed the entire land (Hosea 11:10), and this fire of the Holy Spirit will fall upon His people before the fire of the unleashed atom's fury falls upon the land. God is ready to do a work you would not believe if it were told. Consider the mighty prophet at Horeb, the mount of God. If you would be a prophetic voice of authority in the land, wait before God until you know His still small voice and move only at the directive of His Spirit. Count as nothing the abominations of this world and separate yourself to Him. He is waiting for His people, even now. Will you not hear and respond? Truly the Lord will have a people in this land, first a remnant which will do exploits in His Name and prepare in abundance for a great harvest in the land during an appointed time. The harvest will be reaped by the sickle of truth - truth for the present - as faithful stewards bring forth the Lord's wine of truth and righteousness

for this day. A new wine is prepared, and also vessels to receive the wine of preparation, but it is a wine too potent to be received except by a remnant prepared (a new vessel). It is a remnant which will be used to prepare a harvest in abundance. In a time of travail, the Lord will bring forth, in a time of grief He will be sought, and then it shall spring forth to encompass the nation from sea to sea. From the east to the west will the harvest spring forth in truth and holiness. But the time is not yet, for first a remnant must be prepared, and this preparation is now taking place. Out of the north and east shall a scourge arise and many shall fall in that day, but out of the west shall hope arise, and out of the south shall come bewilderment and fear.

After the firstfruits are taken out, the first-ripe of the harvest (a prepared remnant) shall be left on the earth to act as a ferment of righteousness and truth until all the 'grain' (the main harvest Christians) is fully prepared, for there shall be 3 'measures of meal' prepared (Matt.13:33). There will be a first lump of dough of those prepared and ready to fully partake of all the Lord has made available, a second lump which will see God's glory but shall not enter into the glories of the celestial Kingdom, and a third lump of insufficiently prepared Christians, who shall be cast out of the Lord's complete protection during the Great Tribulation.

They will have to endure much hardship and suffering, for there shall then be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

There is a ferment of truth likened to the leaven of evil (Matt.13:33), but the ferment of truth works slowly, penetrating the fibers of the soil to bring forth what God has prepared. His ways are not our ways and He will cause us to seek the higher ways. Fermentation is a chemical process which causes a conversion of an organic substance into something new, for example the conversion of grape juice into wine. The process generally involves a sensible internal motion, the development of heat, and the liberation of gas which can produce pressure inside a vessel. Because of this action in new wine which is still in the process of fermentation, an already stretched and rigid old wine-skin (a container made from tanned hide) probably will not contain the new wine, but will rupture. From one perspective, new wine is a type of new truth and so it is said that it is too potent to be received, except by a prepared remnant. This called-out remnant is being prepared as a new vessel or wine-skin to receive truths and workings of the Spirit too potent for the average Christian and church groups. Each such new vessel must be completely flexible to contain whatever the Lord wishes to reveal to him or to do in him.

When the Lord begins to reveal new truth, it begins a 'fermentation' within, producing

an internal commotion, an effervescence, a breaking down, a restructuring, and an elevating in a readying for His Spirit fire to do the final work. This working continues until that truth has become mature and then, like mature wine, it is incorruptible, purifying and lasting. New wine will ferment properly and become mature wine, or it will sour into vinegar. Likewise, the new truth revealed to us will either do its proper fermenting and mature us, or it will turn us sour, depending on our readiness or lack of it. Most of us are slow to receive that which is new to us and it takes time for the new truth to do its 'working' and to finally reach maturity. In the meantime, we may experience a lot of fermenting action within - stirring, heat, pressure.

Two groups of 'firstfruits' have been mentioned. In the Bible pattern, the firstfruits was that part of the harvest which ripened first and preceded the main harvest. The two groups included the firstfruits which will be taken out, preceding the main harvest, and the first-ripe of the harvest which shall be left in the earth to act as a ferment of righteousness and truth, until all lumps (categories) of Christians are fully prepared during the harvest. In the Bible pattern, the firstfruits were especially dedicated to God, and their presentation to Him was the guarantee of the balance of the harvest. Initially, one sheaf of the firstfruits was presented to the Lord

in a special ceremony of the Passover season at the beginning of the barley harvest. It was not all of the first-ripe grain, but only one sheaf that was plucked out (Lev.23:10-11). Until this ceremony had been performed, no harvest work was to be done. The one sheaf was cut out of the harvest field and brought to the priest. As described in Rev.12, a male-child group is caught up to the throne of God, preceding the $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of wilderness tribulation, and Rev.14 describes this 144,000 group as being the firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. The special reason for this single sheaf of the firstfruits being taken out before the Tribulation is for the enabling of that group to encompass and protect and speak to the other group left on earth in the day of trouble. The caught-up group is to be a protective shield in the wilderness of testing. Having received their glorified bodies, they can perform such messenger service, just as our Lord did after He was raised from the dead, for He continued to appear and to speak to the disciples in His glorified body for a period of 40 days (a type of the 42 months of Great Tribulation).

Paralleling the taking out of the firstfruits sheaf, there is also the first-ripe of the harvest which is to be left on the earth to act as a ferment of righteousness and truth, until all categories of Christians are as fully prepared as they can be, because there will be 3 categories to become prepared. These three

categories are to be brought forth during the $3\frac{1}{2}$ year Tribulation period, which is the time of the great harvest. This first-ripe remainder, which God is now calling out and preparing, will become the 'ferment' to cause the 'working'. These will be willing to become a fermenting substance within the larger Body of Christendom, not by some 'fleshly' methods, but by the power of the Word of God and the working of His Spirit. This first-ripe remainder will be like the woman of Matt.13:33 who took and hid the ferment or leaven into 3 measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. She is as a woman bereft of and forsaken by her husband - not being with Christ in the heavenlies, but being left on earth - who desires to see the fulness of that which she has kneaded and prepared come forth from the oven. This remainder group will be given the desire and the means to be a ferment among Christians and shall bring forth the 3 lumps or categories in these last days of the Age. The woman also corresponds to 'the woman in the wilderness' (Rev.12:14) who is to be protected from the face of the serpent after the male-child firstfruits is caught up and during the $3\frac{1}{2}$ years of testing and Tribulation.

Just before telling of the woman leavening the 3 lumps or measures, Jesus spoke of 3 groupings of Christians as being 100-fold, 60-fold and 30-fold, which are brought forth during the harvest at the end of this Age

(Matt.13:33, 23, 38-39). The 100-fold group is the lump of prepared ones which fully partake of all the Lord has offered. Those in this category will have permitted the full working of the Word and the Spirit, during which their human spirits, souls and bodies will have continuously come under the guiding of the Holy Spirit. These will thereby have become prepared to be joint-heirs with Christ to rule and reign within the glories of the celestial Kingdom and over the earth. These shall be caught up at the close of the Tribulation period, in the same manner in which the firstfruits male-child company preceded them at the beginning of that $3\frac{1}{2}$ year period. They shall rise at the close of the harvest to help the Lord in the heavenlies as He proceeds to conform all things to His own realm. Each of the three classifications of Christians will be partakers in His Kingdom, but with a difference in time and also in the realm of glory. Earthly glory is not the heavenly glory, nor is the heavenly glory the earthly; each in his own sphere shall show the glory of the Lord.

The 60-fold group is the lump of second ones who will see the glory of God, but shall not enter into the glories of the celestial Kingdom (John 3:3). They will have come in too late to be partakers with the sons of light in the fulness God offers, but they shall receive His full protection as they trust in Him completely, for they are

the sons of righteousness and sons of the Kingdom, though it be but the earthly. They will become the firstfruits of the earthly inheritance with immortality in human flesh in the Millenium Age, as they continue to live on earth into that Millenium of peace. It will be their lot to enter that which is earthly, but in a fulness of physical stature and perfection which will be manifested by immortality in human flesh during the Millenium.

The 30-fold group is the lump of third ones (Christians) which will be cast out (temporarily), and which will not receive the completeness of protection during the Great Tribulation period. They will be cast out, because of their folly in not participating in preparation and because they are Christians who have sought their own desires first. They will have to endure much hardship and suffering in the time of 'weeping and gnashing of teeth' and will have to partake of the scourge, because of their lack of preparation before that day.

People are now living in a sacred hour and this is a time when the Body of Christ should seek God as never before. In the spring of 1967, the Lord started a new moving by His Spirit to do a work among those of His people who are open to His moving so that they might be prepared to receive a mighty outpouring, a glorious anointing, which is coming. This is a new and fresh move to bring about a

further development in that spiritual Body which He is now raising up. It is the anointing that breaks the yoke (Isa.10:25-27), and He is especially anointing certain vessels of His choosing for use in bringing deliverance to His people. Particularly keen shall be the Spirit's gift of discernment among them, for many deceptions and oppressions of the enemy are upon those of the Body, and there is need for a great cleansing and liberating work among them. Those who will give themselves to the Lord quickly and without reservations can be used to help cleanse the Body of Christ from all the defilements of the 'flesh' and of the spirit as they move with His Spirit in that work of preparation to receive the glorious anointing (2Cor.7:1).

The Lord has shown that it is the "root of bitterness" which can defile many (Heb.12:14-15), being manifested by the enemy spirits of jealousy, spirits of criticism, and spirits of resentment. All three of these attitudes are the fruit or manifestation of the root of bitterness in people. Jesus was and is the pattern for His Spiritual Body. When He was on the Cross to purchase our redemption from all sins and defilements of the enemy, He refused the gall of bitterness (Matt. 27:34). Just as Jesus in His physical body refused the gall of bitterness, so is that same Jesus through the discernment and liberating power of His Spirit going to refuse the spirits of bitterness in His spiritual Body

(Eph.5:30). These spirits are primarily jealousy, criticism and resentment. The inspired Word of Peter exposes the jealousy of Simon toward the Apostles and the coveting of their power by the rebuke, "I perceive you are in the gall of bitterness" (Acts 8:22-23). Note also Jas.3:11, 14.

Along with the 3 'bitterness' spirits, there are two other groups of 3 each, all of which are especially troubling the Body of Christ at this time, and are hindering the saints from moving into their full inheritance in Christ. In the 2nd group are proud spirits, religious spirits, and deceiving spirits. In the 3rd group are covetous spirits, lust spirits, and lying spirits. This present move of the Spirit of God is primarily to bring cleansing and deliverance from these spirits of the enemy so that the saints will no longer be hindered, and He is raising up and anointing vessels of His choosing to be used in this ministry. He has promised keen discernment, and along with this gift will be the gifts of knowledge and wisdom, with much love and compassion, for this is a ministry of help and deliverance and not one of condemnation. Many saints are being vexed and oppressed by one or more of these spirits, and are not fully aware of it. They may sense that something is wrong, but they do not know what to do or how to obtain deliverance.

The 9 spirits mentioned are the very antithesis of the 9

fruits of the Spirit listed in Gal.5:22-23. How can the Lord impart love, joy and peace in the presence of the bitterness of jealousy, criticism and resentment? It is impossible to express genuine patience, kindness and goodness toward others, if there are proud, religious and deceiving spirits at work within. There can be little real faithfulness, humility and self-control evidenced in those who have succumbed to covetous, lust and lying spirits. Even as a physical body with chemical imbalance cannot operate properly, so the spiritual Body of Christ cannot be expected to function in full power and glory until the Spirit has fully liberated it from all the bitter and defiling spirits of the enemy which are so prevalent among the saints today. There can be no real moving into the fulness of His Covenant blessings and powers until there has been a real cleansing and liberating work. And only a special baptism of His love, a special impartation of His wisdom and a special endowment of His anointing can bring about what He has purposed. May there be an eagerness for rapidity in maturing and in manifesting the fulness of fruit. May the power of the Lord's presence and glory be so profound, and the cleansing and liberating work of His Spirit be so effective, that the saints shall refuse to drink of the gall of bitterness, so that Christ's love, joy and peace may reign within and so that the enemy will flee

(Jas.4:6-7). May that true Body be raised up with no more affliction by wrong spirits, cleansed from all defilements of flesh and spirit, until all as one man march forth to liberate a dying world, each member to fulfill his part in humble thankfulness for grace extended.

- REV. 10 -

After six angels have sounded the six Trumpets, all things are ready for the master strategem to unfold - for the mystery of God to be finished. So great is this final chapter in the age-long history of the Church that a special 'mighty angel' is dispatched from heaven to reveal the contents of a special 'little book'. The Greek word for angel simply means messenger or agent and can refer to anyone of earth or heaven with a special mission or message (Gal.4:14). :1 - This mighty angel is seen coming from heaven with a rainbow over his head and, from the description, He can be none other than the Lord Jesus Himself (Rev.1:13-18). It is He, the covenant (rainbow) God and the mighty messenger of the covenant (Mal.3:1), who is coming down to reveal to John the end-time message for His Church. He is the Angel of the 7th Trumpet, but before He blows the 7th Trumpet, He has a ministry to perform among His people in the power of His Spirit with an end-time message for those who will hear. This is a preparation for that which is to be released at the blowing of the 7th Trumpet. The blowing of the 6 pre-

ceding Trumpets unleashed forces of judgment, for '6' is man's number. Therefore, all six Trumpets deal with worldly or carnal events relating to the end-time judgments of God on rebellious man. The blowing of the 7th Trumpet releases great spiritual power, for '7' is the number of the Church, and the true Church shall be brought to the place, by the grace of the reigning Christ, where it will be able to receive an endowment of power such as the world has never seen. But first there is a preparatory ministry of the Messenger of the Covenant, the Lord Jesus Himself, as He comes to visit His 'temple' to cleanse and restore. This is the meaning of the content of the little book. :2 - The little book is open to give light and understanding, to give the revelation of the end-time purposes of the Lord for His Church. This light and understanding is even now being made known by the apostles and prophets whom He has chosen and the revelation will continue to unfold until the 7th Trumpet is ready to sound and the secret strategy of the Lord is ready to be enacted. Although in its end-time historical fulfillment the 7th Trumpet has not yet begun to sound, the voice of the 7th Angel or Messenger is even now being heard in a message of preparation. That which is about to take place on earth at the blowing of the 7th Trumpet shall cause the final veil to be removed. Then the secrets of God concerning the Church will be openly revealed for all men to

clearly see that which has been a mystery up to that moment in human history. Hear and prepare for the time is now short and much needs to be done in that spiritual Body being prepared for this end-time.

The mighty Messenger is preparing an end-time Body through the unveiling of the end-time message of the little book. He set His right foot on the sea and His left foot on the land, just as it is written that He will subdue all things under His feet (ICor.15:25-28). Do not we the end-time disciples of Jesus Christ and the members of His Body, correspond to the feet (the ones who come into that Body at the end of the Age)? Thus shall the Lord Jesus, the Head of the Body, bruise Satan under the feet of His Body, and we are to be those feet (Ro.16:20). In Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the feet of that image represented the final historical stage of the system which began with the head (Babylon). In the same pattern, the Church began with the Head (Jesus) and is consummated in time by the feet. We are to be those feet of the Body with which Jesus will bruise the Serpent (Dan.2:38-44, Eph.1:18-23).

In Rev. 13, we see a beast rising out of the 'sea' (Rev.13:1), and then a second beast rising out of the 'earth' (Rev.13:11), but the mighty messenger is here seen setting His right foot on the 'sea' and His left foot on the 'earth'. He is standing triumphantly over both that which would rise out of the 'sea' and that

out of the 'earth'. And so shall the 'feet' of His Body in these end-times triumph over the beast and his false prophet and their rule. John saw the Angel's feet (legs) as pillars of fire. The word for pillar here is the same one used in Rev. 3:12 where the overcomer is to be made a pillar in 'the temple of My God' and the same one used in Gal.2:9 and ITim.3:15 in connection with the Church. The Lord is going to use the strong ones in this day as pillars in His end-time Temple-Body, having been tested and refined in fire.

:3 - The mighty Angel shouts with a loud voice like the roaring of a lion, and only the Lion of the Tribe of Judah could thus roar (Rev.5:5). He is no longer meek and lamb-like, no longer like a sacrificial lamb which is dumb before the shearers (Isa.53:7), as at His first coming. Now He is bold as a lion and is using His Kingly power and authority; now He is as the roaring Lion (king of beasts) of the Tribe of Judah (the royal tribe). When He lets out His loud 'roar' a prepared Body of people responds in a matching of His powerful radiation frequency and enters into the lion ministry of the 7 Thunders. The 7 Thunders response is a lion-like ministry to the world through a prepared people no longer meek and lamb-like before the world, but bold as a Lion with Kingly power and authority. The voice of the 7 Thunders is the Lion or Christ ministry to the world of the Lord's end-time glorious Church.

Yet the Lion and the Lamb must 'lie down' together in every member of that glorious Church (Isa.11:6). To the Lord Himself, they shall always be lamb-like, submissive, obedient, hearing only His voice, but to the world, they shall show themselves in the 7 Thunders ministry, Lion-like in nature, with Kingly ruling power and regal bearing and with a Word ministry of spiritual vitality and dynamic liberation. But this 7 Thunder ministry shall come forth only in a people thoroughly prepared by the Lord, only in those who have learned to live and walk in the Spirit, having given themselves in totality to the call of the Spirit upon their lives. The Lion of the tribe of Judah is now calling in this hour to those who have ears to hear (and obey), and their response is the message of authority and the Kingly ministry of the 7 Thunders that has been reserved for this end-time. The end-time sons of thunder (the loyal Body of Christ members who have become like Him) shall hear the voice of the mighty Messenger as He roars, and shall respond to the message of the little book. John is one of the end-time sons of thunder (Mk.3:17, Rev.10:11). 4 - At the time of his vision, John was instructed to seal up and not write what he heard, because the message and ministry of the 7 Thunders was reserved until this end-time. However, what John sealed up, as what Daniel sealed up (Dan.12:4), is now being made known. The Lord has waited longingly for this hour in which He can reveal all

that has been hidden. This is the hour that all history has waited for, spoken of by the prophets, but not understood by them. (Dan.12:7-9, Ro.8:19). A people who have been prepared as submissive lambs are to partake of this end-time ministry to show God's glory and honor as has no other generation. There is no longer time for sleep and lethargy for those who will know the glory that has been prepared for this hour, and there is no good reason to wait and not now enter in with the whole heart and soul. Now is the time to seek the Lord with your whole being so that He may speak in the inner chamber of your heart and make known His counsel for this hour. Do not listen to those of the enemy who would seek to discourage you and blind you to what our Lord speaks.

Where are those who have the courage to step out on the waters of difficulty and testing and who will walk toward Jesus with faith, knowing He is able to sustain and uphold in this hour so that they may walk triumphantly above the waters of tribulation and disturbance which shall try all men in this day? Walk, therefore fixing your gaze steadfastly on Jesus, looking neither to the right nor to the left, and looking neither to those around you nor to the turbulent waters which would seek to engulf you. You will never make it to the end-time calling and awakening, until you are willing by faith to step out of the boat of your present ease

and security and into the stream of God's divine purpose, not allowing the waves of doubt and fear to overcome you (John 14:27), neither letting those who prefer to stay in the boat deter you. The Lord is calling for a people who dare to come and He will have them walk on the waters of that which has never been done before. He is calling them to meet Him as He comes to them in power and glory in this day.

In the Scriptures, did they not see that it was a Body walking upon the water and not a Spirit as they had supposed? And did not Peter in his body walk upon the waters (Matt. 14:25-32)? Similarly in this day, it is not just the spirit, but a body of flesh which shall be brought to the Lord to do exploits above the waters of human confusion and distress. You who follow Jesus are the Body of Christ; you are to be His flesh and bones members to perform what is in His mind (Eph. 5:30). So shall you be one with Him in this day and there shall be the joining together with Him upon the waters to go forth in this day, so that in the coming days you shall be a Body of overcomers - those who overcome all emotional defilements of the watery recesses of the enemy and those who are walking triumphantly in overcoming power. Those will demonstrate so conclusively that the Lord is Almighty that many will desperately turn and will beg those of the Body to teach them the Way (Isa. 55:5, Dan. 12:4).

The hour has come to recognize that the Lord is about to

move in such a way that all that has been done in the past will seem insignificant in comparison. He is about to bring those people who have put their trust in Him and who are walking in His ways into a new realm, which is the land of promise covenanted to their forefathers who failed to enter, because of unbelief. The Lord is about to bring to fulfillment all that He has had in readiness since the cry went forth on the cross, "It is finished". Now He would have you hear another cry, if you will open your hearts to the Spirit's revelation and understand what the cry means. It is this: "Moses is dead". The leader who took the children of Israel through the wilderness journey, but was not allowed to enter the promised land, he is dead. A new era has dawned for those who are the Lord's people; the Moses era of time in the wilderness is past. If you could but understand the magnitude of this revealing, you could scarcely keep from shouting for joy. Realize that even now the Lord is prepared to bring you into the promised land of spiritual blessing and power. For those who make themselves ready to enter into that which He has prepared, the wilderness journey is over and the testing and trials of the past 1900 years have passed. Are you ready? Do you fully believe that even death is no more and that His prepared ones shall enter into life forevermore? Some will not comprehend fully what is being made known, but others will grasp